
Transportation and Communications Committee
of the
Southern California Association of Governments
March 1, 2007

Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE. AN AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Transportation and Communications Committee held its meeting at the SCAG office in Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Alan Wapner, Acting Chair. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Aldinger, Jim	City of Manhattan Beach
Beauman, John	City of Brea
Bone, Lou	City of Tustin
Chlebnik, John	Orange County
Dale, Lawrence	City of Barstow
Daniels, Gene	City of Paramount
Flickinger, Bonnie	City of Moreno Valley
Garcia, Lee Ann	City of Grand Terrace
Herrera, Carol	City of Diamond Bar
Masiel, Andrew	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians
Messina, Barbara	City of Alhambra
O'Connor, Pam	City of Santa Monica
Parks, Bernard	City of Los Angeles
Pettis, Gregory	City of Cathedral City
Smith, Greig	City of Los Angeles
Spence, David	Arroyo Verdugo COG
Sykes, Tom	City of Walnut
Szerlip, Don	Redondo Beach/ SBCCOG
Wapner, Alan	City of Ontario

Members Not Present

Adams, Steve	Riverside, WRCOG
Baldwin, Harry-Chair	San Gabriel
Becerra, Glen	City of Simi Valley
Brown, Art	City of Buena Park
Buckley, Thomas	City of Lake Elsinore
Burke, Yvonne	Los Angeles County
Correa, Lou	Orange County
DeLara, Juan	City of Coachella
Dixon, Richard	City of Lake Forest
Dunlap, Judy	City of Inglewood

Members Not Present (cont.)

Gabelich, Rae	City of Long Beach
Glabb, Paul	City of Laguna Niguel
Gurule, Frank	City of Cudahy
Hernandez, Robert	City of Anaheim
Joffe, Enid	San Gabriel Valley COG
Lowe, Robin	Hemet/ RCTC
Lowenthal, Bonnie-Vice Chair	City of Long Beach
Marshall, Patsy	City of Buena Park
Millhouse, Keith	City of Moorpark
Ovitt, Gary	San Bernardino County
Roberts, Ron	City of Temecula
Rutherford, Mark	City of Westlake Village
Stone, Jeffrey	Riverside County

Voting Members, Not Elected Official

Caltrans Representative

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE

The Honorable Alan Wapner, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 February 1, 2007 Minutes

4.1.2 Public Participation Plan

The Public Participation Plan guides SCAG's public involvement process to ensure broad based participation in the development and review of regional transportation plans and programs.

Recommended Action:

Approve the Public Participation Plan.

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 2007 State and Federal Legislation Matrix

4.2.2 Amendment to I-710 (South) EIR/EIS MOU

A **MOTION** was made to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar.
The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** and unanimously **APPROVED**.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Formation, Membership and Functions of the Southwest Alliance

The Hon. John Edney, Chair of the Southwest Compact Task Force, presented a report on the action of approving the name, structure, and action plan for the Southwest Alliance pursuant to Southwest Compact Task Force recommendation.

The Southwest Compact has been in existence since 1990. Two years ago the Compact and SCAG moved to resurrect the plan and the ideas of what the committee's mission was about. Staff and the committee have spent the last few years on outreach throughout the SCAG Region, southwestern Arizona, and Baja California. As the regional issues have become more complex and the opportunities within the southwest region have presented themselves from a goods movement, congestion, and economic viability standpoint, the Compact has tried to modify the scope in what is presented here today. The Compact is asking for an opportunity to adjust the focus and identify more formally the process so it can work on public/private partnerships and have the opportunity to work on issues of infrastructure, economic development, congestion relief, goods movement and most importantly border issues on a more significant level with both our state and federal legislature. As part of the redefinition of its focus, it will start with the name change to the Southwest Alliance which much more encompasses SCAG's goal of creating a larger regional alliance in regard to the issues not only with public agencies, but also with the private sector.

Currently the California Legislature does not allow a great deal of cooperation between public/private partnerships on infrastructure projects and plans. One of the focuses of the Southwest Compact will be to come up with a blueprint model that will allow the compact to reach those goals.

If the alliance is to be successful, it will have to be formed as some sort of an MOU or JPA which would allow a committee to exist in the formation of outside partners. Over the past few years SCAG has researched and found that working with its partners has created economic stability throughout the southern California region. Enhancement of these economic opportunities is tied to worldwide global economy. Mexico and Baja play a significant role in this and we recognize that this is where jobs are going to come from. The Compact hopes to allow projects to move forward based on a public/private partnership.

A **MOTION** was made to approve the name, structure, action plan for the Southwest Alliance pursuant to Southwest Compact Task Force recommendation. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** and unanimously **APPROVED**.

5.2 Administrative Amendment (Gap Analysis) to the 2004 RTP

Naresh Amatya, SCAG, stated that the Gap Analysis is an administrative amendment to the existing 2004 RTP. The analysis brings the current 2004 RTP into compliance with the SAFETEA-LU requirements. This enables Staff to continue with its implementation of plans and programs beyond July 1, 2007, which is the established statutory deadline to comply with the new requirements. Staff has received two comments. One from the FHWA, and one from Caltrans. FHWA raised a number of issues. The FHWA expressed its concern about the public participation plan: whether it had adequately consulted with all the required stakeholders and members, whether the environmental mitigation were adequately incorporated into the analysis, and whether SCAG should be highlighting the action steps and milestones to achieve full compliance in the next plan update. With these comments, Staff has revised the draft and incorporated the FHWA's issues. Caltrans essentially concurred with SCAG's findings and there was no action necessary as a result of Caltrans' comments.

The final administrative amendment, the Gap Analysis, is now in full compliance with SAFETEA-LU and does not impact the existing transportation conformity or fiscal constraint. There are no additional environmental impacts.

A **MOTION** was made to recommend that the Regional Council approve the Administrative Amendment (Gap Analysis) to the 2004 RTP. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** and unanimously **APPROVED**.

5.3 Draft Administrative Amendment to the 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program per SAFETEA-LU

Rosemary Ayala, SCAG, stated that an administrative amendment must be passed to bring the 2006 RTIP into compliance with SAFETEA-LU.

The draft amendment addresses the following requirements:

- The project listing report which currently reflects three years of programming is being reformatted to show the fourth year of programming.
- The program is fiscally constrained and the financial plan is also being reformatted to show the fourth year.
- The visualization techniques have been updated with the addition of a mapping function. The mapping program can be found on SCAG's website under RTIP, Model Projects in the 2006 TIP.
- The new Public Participation Plan (which the TCC approved earlier on in the meeting on the Consent Calendar) is also addressed.

The amendment does not change any projects, schedules, emission analyses, etc. The draft amendment reaffirms the validity of the current 2006 Regional

Transportation Improvement Programs transportation conformity. There are no changes necessary to the implementation of transportation control measures, fiscal constraint, or the regional emissions analysis. Therefore, SCAG requests that the committee approve the release of the administrative amendment for a 30-day public comment period.

Staff will bring the item back to the TCC at its next meeting and update the committee on any comments received. Staff will then request the Committee to approve the amendment.

A **MOTION** was made to approve the release of the Draft Administrative Amendment to the 2006 RTIP (Gap Analysis) for a 30-day public comment period. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** and unanimously **APPROVED**.

6.0 AVIATION TASK FORCE REPORT

6.1 Additional Comments to the Southern California Regional Airport Authority

The Hon. Alan Wapner, Chair of the Aviation Task Force, informed the Committee of the recommended changes to the membership of the SCRAA. Based on analysis overseen by the Aviation Task Force, it is recommended that the SCRAA expand its voting membership to include the counties of Ventura, Imperial and San Diego as well as a host city or airport sponsor for each commercial airport that is not operated by a county. These additional voting members would include representatives from the cities of Long Beach, Ontario, Palmdale, and Palm Springs, as well as the Bob Hope Airport Authority, San Bernardino Airport Authority, March Airport Authority, Southern California Logistics Airport Authority and San Diego Airport Authority. Further, the Task Force is recommending that the SCRAA establish a number of inclusive standing committees representing a broad range of stakeholders including airport-impacted communities and the airline industry.

A **MOTION** was made to approve the additional comments on recommended changes to the membership of the SCRAA. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** and unanimously **APPROVED**.

7.0 GOODS MOVEMENT TASK FORCE REPORT

There was no report as a result of the Task Force not holding a February meeting.

8.0 MAGLEV TASK FORCE REPORT

Hon. Lou Bone, City of Tustin, stated that the route of the I-10 freeway (L.A. to Ontario) was approved at the last meeting. Additionally, a MAGLEV test track is being constructed in San Diego and will be completed within the next six months.

9.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

No items.

10.0 CHAIR REPORT

No report

11.0 STAFF REPORT

Jonathan Nadler, SCAG, stated that the South Coast AQMP was released in October 2006 and included an attainment demonstration for both Ozone and PM 2.5. Additionally, the plan includes SCAG's transportation strategy, AQMD's control measures, and AQMD's recommendation for a mobile source strategy for the California Air Resources Board. There is currently a disagreement between ARB and the South Coast AQMD on the PM 2.5 attainment demonstration. AQMD is expected to release a draft plan that integrates the Ozone and PM 2.5 along with the suggested measures for CARB in order to meet the 2015 attainment date.

12.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No items.

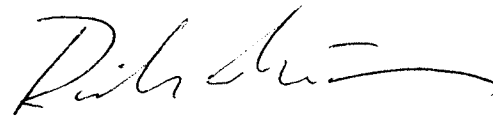
13.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Honorable Alan Wapner, adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

The next committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 5, 2007 at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.**



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Rutherford, Mark*	Westlake Village		X						X										
Smith, Greig*	Los Angeles		X					X	X	X									
Spence, David	Arroyo Verdugo COG		X					X	X	X									
Stone, Jeffrey*	County of Riverside				X			X	X										
Sykes, Tom*	Walnut		X					X	X	X									
Szerlip, Don	Redondo Beach/SBCCOG		X					X	X	X									
Wapner, Alan*	Ontario					X			X	X									
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